

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention provides an apparatus for
reproducing a plurality of image data which has been
recorded in a plurality of independent areas on a disk-
shaped recording medium and specified so as to be
reproduced in predetermined order, from the disk-shaped
recording medium by using a pickup mechanism. The
apparatus has a memory for storing the reproduced image
data and a memory control unit for reading out the
image data stored in the memory in the predetermined
order, and controls whether the image data recorded in
the plurality of areas is reproduced in order different
from the predetermined order and written in the memory
or not, on the basis of position information indicative
of positions of the plurality of areas on the disk-
shaped recording medium, a capacity of the memory, and
a seeking time between the plurality of areas by the
pickup mechanism.